



I. **Ice breaker.** *Getting to know each other questions.* (10 minutes)  
What were some of the big life questions you had about life or God before you knew the Lord personally?

II. **Read today's scriptures** out loud, slowly, either in unison or using a designated reader and move into scripture quiet reflection. (3 minutes)  
*<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter). Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael <sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote —Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." <sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." <sup>51</sup> He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man." (John 1:35-51)*

II. **Scripture quiet reflection:** (5-10 minutes)

This is a time to personally reflect on this week's scripture. Have a paper and pen available.

**1. Read.** Read through the passage silently.

**2. Reflect.** Notice any words or phrases that particularly draw your attention and stand out to you. How do these words/phrases speak directly to you and your present situation? Write your insights.

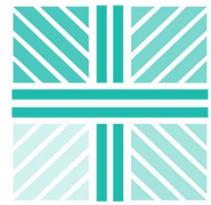
**3. Respond.** As God has spoken to you in the Scripture, respond back to God in prayer. What do you want to say to God? What else does God want to say to you?

III. **Sermon and Scripture Application Discussion. (20-30 minutes)**

A. As you reflectively engaged the Scriptures, what stood out to you from these passages?

B. What do you see in verses 37 and 43 that indicates a chief characteristic for a disciple of Christ?

- Notice disciples of Jesus are also enthusiastic about bringing others to Jesus. Review verses 39 and 46 where the phrase "come and see" is used as an invitation.



- How does the invitation to “come and see” translate into your own life and relationships to influence others to know Christ?
- What is the difference between telling someone truth and inviting them to discover it for themselves?

C. *We are invited to “come and see” Jesus as the Lamb of God.*

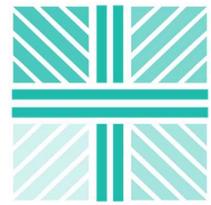
- Jesus as Lamb of God in verse 36 is an allusion to the symbolism of the Passover Lamb. In John 1:29 what do you see as the purpose and role of the Lamb of God?  
**“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”**
- “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter.... Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin...” Isaiah 53:7 & 10
- What is a scapegoat and how is this image especially evocative in Isaiah 53?
- Have you ever experienced someone being scapegoated unfairly?
- What is the significance of Jesus taking the role of scapegoat for the world and for you personally?

D. *We are invited to “come and see” Jesus as Messiah.*

- Andrew is the first recorded private witness of Jesus. Andrew practices what has been called relational evangelism. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is the Christ) (John 1:41). Andrew appears two more times in John; both times bringing someone to Jesus.
- When have you had the privilege of inviting someone to Jesus and you witnessed them moving towards Him?
- Talk about an experience of inviting someone to Jesus and they have moved away from Him?
- How does inviting someone to consider Jesus as Messiah create a situation where you are totally dependent on God?

E. *We are invited to “come and see” Jesus as the King of Israel.*

- Re-read John 1: 44-49
- <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote —Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup> “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” <sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”
- Another example of relational evangelism is Philip telling Nathanael about Jesus. Discuss Philip’s response to Nathanael’s question about Nazareth. Why was his response wise?



F. *We are invited to “come and see” Jesus as the Son of Man.*

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- In the OT story of Jacob, (Gen 28:10-22) he runs through the desert in fleeing for his life and, in despair, goes to sleep. He dreams of a ladder with angels ascending and descending. From John 1:48 & 51 we might infer that Nathanael was meditating on Jacob’s life.
- He (Jacob) had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.” (Gen 28:12)
- Discuss how Jesus is the crucial, definitive link between heaven and earth and the true and better ladder to God!

G. Pray for one another, especially for the privilege of influencing others to know Jesus Christ...the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the Son of God-King of Israel, the Son of Man!